Governments regarding the setting up of two sugar mills in the cooperative or State sector in Bagpat and Sardhna Tehsils of Meerut district; and

(b) if so what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The proposals for setting up of a new sugar factory is required to be submitted by the promotors in the prescribed form with the requisite fee. No application has so far been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for establishment of a new sugar factory in the cooperative or State sector in Bagpat and Sardhna Tehsils of Meerut District. Applications, as and when received, would be examined in accordance with the guidelines prevailing at that time.

Inclusion of pesticides in the Essential Commodities Act

215. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to include the pesticides in the Essential Commodities Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Pesticides is covered by the class of commodities "Insecticides, Fungicides, Weedicides and the like" which already stands dclared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act.

Plight of poor children in the S.O.S. Village Anangpur, Faridabad

216. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports which appeared in the Jansatta of April 9, and 10, 1990 describing the plight of the poor children in the S.O.S. children village, Anangpur, Faridabad;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the working of the institution, if so what are the findings

(c) what kind of tortures/atrocities were being perpetrated in its Varanasi branch and have those been stopped; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The State Government of Haryana where the SOS Children Village is situated, and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh where the tortures are alleged to have taken place, have been asked to submit a factual report on the incidents reported in the articles which appeared in the "Jansatta" issues referred to above. The reports are still awaited.

It may also be mentioned that the father of the three children, alleged to have been tortured, Shri Rajinder Singh, Kathu Baba has also filed a writ petition in this regard, before the Supreme Court and the matter is now pending before the Supreme Court.

Theft of Cash Boxes from Integral Coach Factory at Perambur (Madras)

217. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cash boxes were recently stolen from the Integral Coach Factory at Perambur, Madras; and

(b) if so, the amount of cash which was found stolen and further details thereof?